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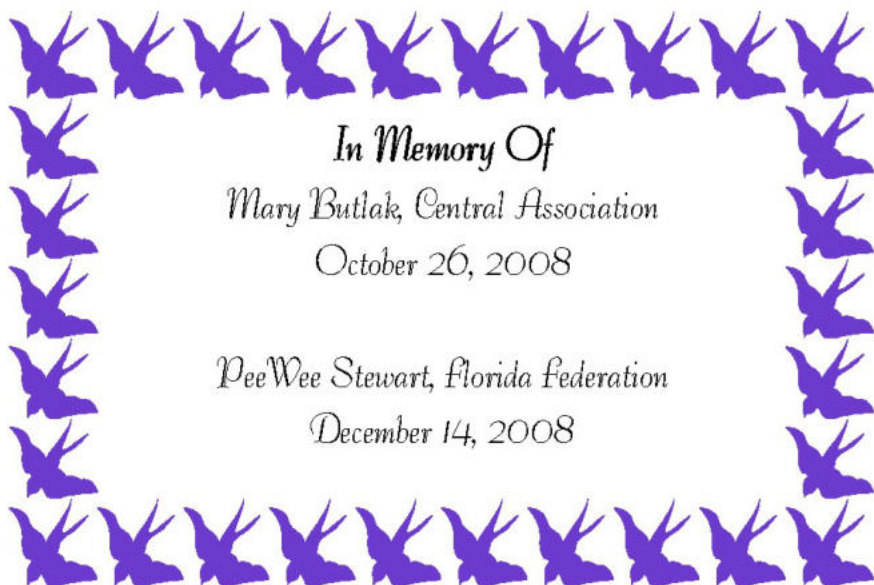
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In Memory Of

Mary Butlak, Central Association

October 26, 2008

PeeWee Stewart, Florida Federation

December 14, 2008



President's Corner January 2009

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We hope you all had a safe and Happy

Holiday Season. The New Year's Eve Dance at Ragon Hall in Pensacola was terrific. There was a good crowd, lots of food, and of course plenty of Square and Round Dancing.

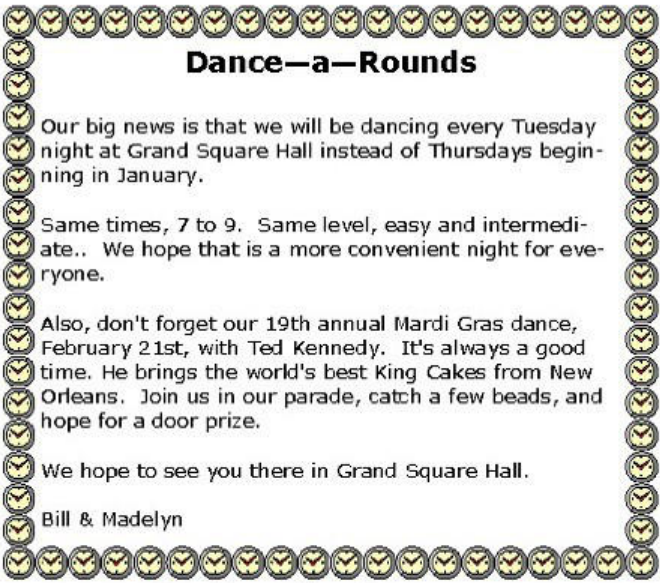
Unfortunately, November and December had us going out of town dealing with family emergencies. That's why you haven't been seeing much of us lately.

There will be a Northwest meeting in Panama City at the Blue & White Ball on January 10, 2009. The meeting will be at 4:30 PM at Grand Square Hall.

Since it's a new year, we'd like to remind all our Northwest Clubs to get your USDA Insurance information to Tom Hancock (tomjean@cox.net). It's very important to get the insurance records taken care of very early. Tom will be able to receive all the clubs Certificates of Insurance from the insurance folks fairly quickly. He'll send the certificates to the club representative that's on file with him.

By the way, if your club isn't a member of the Northwest Association, and would like to become a member, please contact Dave Henn (dhenn@aol.com) and he'll see that you get the needed information.

Paul & Cheryl Miller
Northwest Association President



Dance—a—Rounds

Our big news is that we will be dancing every Tuesday night at Grand Square Hall instead of Thursdays beginning in January.

Same times, 7 to 9. Same level, easy and intermediate.. We hope that is a more convenient night for everyone.

Also, don't forget our 19th annual Mardi Gras dance, February 21st, with Ted Kennedy. It's always a good time. He brings the world's best King Cakes from New Orleans. Join us in our parade, catch a few beads, and hope for a door prize.

We hope to see you there in Grand Square Hall.

Bill & Madelyn

Panhandle Boosters

Paul Miller (6/09)	Cheryl Miller (6/09)
Tim Wilaby (6/09)	Terri Wilaby (6/09)
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Joe Vaccari (6/09)	Joy Vaccari (6/09)
Sandy Sturgis (6/09)	Dave Sturgis (6/09)
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Patricia McLendon (6/09)	Harry Edwards (6/09)
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Ida Guthrie (6/09)	Marshall Brown (6/09)

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Editor's Note

Tim & I would like to join everyone else in this issue of the Press in wishing everyone a very Happy New Year.

Thank you to everyone that has signed up for the Press electronically. It is really making a difference. We are now up to over 40 of our issues being delivered electronically!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a special thanks to Tim & Millie Shipman. Across the last year they have helped us put together the Press each quarter by setting up a nice system that the four of us can work quite easily. XOXOXOX!

Remember, keep those articles coming. And remember the pictures as well.

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ROCK AND ROLL TIME IN 2009

May 22, 23 and 24

It is getting closer and closer, the time of your life...a time to swing your partner to good old Rock and Roll rhythm in Lakeland at the Florida State Con-

vention. If you have never attended before, or only on occasion, this is one convention you won't want to miss. The best time to buy your tickets is NOW....\$27.00 per person is a real bargain. The price goes up to \$30.00 at the door and taking the time to purchase then could very well cut into your dancing time. We are anticipating long, long, long ticket lines!!!

Also, raffle tickets are now being sold by CFA members and the convention committee at the low price of \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Your chances to win the Hewlett Packard laptop computer are as 'good' as anyone's, so snap up the tickets often. You know, if you buy more, your chances become 'better' than anyone's!!

There are many ways you can help promote the convention. Visiting other clubs with brochures in hand, reminding the callers and cuers to urge the dancers to attend. We certainly want new dancers to be aware and feel welcome. The State Convention is a good place for them to get a chance to dance to many different callers and get a lot of floor time. Everyone can benefit from the workshops during the day. Those of us with the convention attire, wear it frequently....it is a definite way to advertise...not only to the dancers, but to remind the callers and cuers to point it out as advertising. Don't let those poodle skirts get dusty!

Carol and Randy, as well as all the committee members, are making an effort to get around the state to promote our convention. If you see us at a dance come say "Hi" and let's "square up".

Joanne Engum, Publicity Chairman





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The Bid Session at the 58th NSDC

The bid session at the 58th National Square Dance Convention® will take place in the beautiful Terrace Theater at the Long Beach Convention Center, just prior to the keynote speaker, the morning of Friday, June 29, 2009. The participants will be competing for the convention for the year 2013. Thus far we have conventions planned for June, 2010, in Louisville, KY, and in June, 2011, in Detroit, MI. At the 57th National Square Dance Convention®, held recently in Wichita, KS there were two excellent presentations made for the June, 2012 convention. The presentations were made by the City of Spokane, WA and the city of Oklahoma City, OK. The mayor of Oklahoma City spoke as a representative for that city and he said that if his city would have the convention in 2012, he'd learn how to square dance. That apparently did not influence the judges to vote his way and the City of Spokane, WA will host the convention in 2012. We have recently learned that the city of Oklahoma City will again be one of the parties bidding for the Convention of 2013. There is time for another city to announce that they will be competing for the 2013 convention, but even if it is just that one city making a presentation, it will be an opportunity for everyone to see what Oklahoma City has to offer.

Camping at the 58th NSDC

RV Camping for the 58th National Square Dance Convention® is available and awaiting your reservation! The RV camping is right at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center, so it will be very convenient for your coming and going to the activities of the convention. Really neat that you won't need a bus pass, huh? The RV camping is dry, with electricity provided. There is a four night minimum. The cost is \$55.00 per night, which is a real good deal compared to staying in one of the Long Beach hotels. When you send in your registration long form with requested RV space, you will receive a profile to fill out. These spaces will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. If you plan to camp together with others, you will need to arrive together. When you sign up for the Route 66 tour, you will be able to start your camping on June 22, as that night is reserved for the Route 66 tour participants, and those with June 23 tour events scheduled. All other camping starts on June 23, 2009.

Education at the 58th NSDC

Besides all the dancing, we will provide a multitude of educational opportunities for you while at the 58th National Square Dance Convention®. The Vice-Chairman of Organizations is Glenda Stults. Glenda will present the Organizations Round Table, Showcase of Ideas, Publications Display Reports & Statistics, and the Bid Session. The Organizations Round Table is a two-hour panel meeting that will allow an exchange of information of interest to square dance organization leaders. The Showcase of Ideas is an opportunity for all square dance organizations to put their information on display. National and international square dance clubs and associations will be represented, as well as CALLERLAB, CONTRALAB, ARTS and USDA. The Publicity Committee will collect publications as part of their record-keeping to attend the press breakfast. Those publications will be provided to the Vice-Chairman of Organizations to use in the publications display. Reports & Statistics will be needed for the Education Committee final report. Information such as attendance and start/end times for all education programs, such as seminars, panels, clinics, bid session, etc. will be recorded and tabulated. The bid session will take place on Friday morning at 9:00AM in the Terrace Theater. Bidding cities will be bidding on the 62nd NSDC, to be held in the year 2013.

Don Orsborn is the Vice-Chairman of Panels, and he plans to present eleven panels over a three-day period. Our panels are an audience-listening activity conducted in a classroom setting. Three to six persons serve as a panel of knowledgeable leaders, discussing a given topic, with an additional panel member serving as a moderator.

Seminars are also an audience-listening activity and are presented in a classroom setting with one or more persons providing a presentation. Linda Hoffman is the Vice-Chairman of seminars, and she will present 21 seminars over a three-day period.



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Tour Opportunities While at the 58th NSDC

The Social & Special Events Chairman and all their wonderful helpers have scoured the "southland" looking for great tours. They have found many wonderful tour opportunities. You can see them online at www.58nsdc.org.

Here are some highlights of the many tours available:

- ✦ Disneyland® Park & Disney's California Adventure® Park. A 3-day package for only \$139 (it's almost that much for one day alone!).
- ✦ Knott's Berry Farm. What was once an actual berry farm is now 160 acres of world class rides and attractions.
- ✦ LA Fashion & Jewelry Districts. Bargain hunters, this is the tour for you. The Fashion District is the hub of the apparel industry on the West Coast.
- ✦ Hooray for Hollywood.
- ✦ The Getty Museum.
- ✦ Catalina Island.
- ✦ Dolphin & Whale Watching.
- ✦ Harbor Cruise.
- ✦ And, of course, the big one.... The Post-Convention Mexican Riviera Cruise. Learn all about the many tours by logging onto the website.

Sound at the 58th National Square Dance Convention®

Sound for the 58th National convention will be great! We will be using standard square dance equipment and will be providing hearing enhancement equipment as necessary. There is no plan to use any house sound from the Long Beach Convention Center. The equipment will be rented and our Sound Committee will handle setting up and monitoring the sound during the convention. The Sound Committee will consist of professionals from our activity.

The Vice Chairman of Sound is Phil Farmer. Phil has been a caller for over 30 years. He has worked on many national, state and local conventions in both technical and supervisory roles. Phil has a full committee in place. Phil's Assistant Vice Chairman is Rod & Gail Shuping. Rod has been calling for many years and has assisted in sounding many state conventions and local festivals. Director of Square Dance Halls is Skip & Kay Stanley. Skip has called in several states during the past thirty years of calling and worked out sound problems in many types of halls. Director of Round Dance Halls is Bev Oren. Bev is a noted Round Dance Cuer in Southern California and several other states. She has helped with sound at several state conventions. Director of Other Dance Halls is Donna Lake & Ron Krefet. Donna is a noted Country & Line Dance instructor in Southern California. She has a good understanding of the needs of special dance groups. Director of Non-Dance Halls (Education/Panels/Seminars) is Byron and Alanna Yoshimura. Byron is a caller in Northern California. His understanding of equipment makes him the perfect choice for the Sound Committee. Director of After-Parties is Vic & Shauna Kaaria. Vic is a popular caller/instructor in California. He has worked with many types of equipment over the years, and will quickly adjust to any special requirements that sometimes arise at the after-parties.

As you can see, each committee member has a good understanding of the needs and necessary equipment that would be required of each venue. They have performed at and assisted in sounding many local festivals, as well as state and national conventions. We look forward to providing some of the best quality sound you have heard at a national convention.

**Make plans now to come to Long Beach, California, in June, 2009
for the "Greatest Square Dance Event In The World."**



Dancing Dolphins—Ft Walton Beach

The first year for the Dancing Dolphins at PASARDA Hall in Ft. Walton Beach, is off to a great start. Caller Berlon Graham has a class almost ready to graduate.

Many thanks go to all the angels who have been there to assist week after week. The enthusiasm of the class and their passion to learn have made Thursday nights at PASARDA Hall very special.

Over a square of Dancing Dolphins attended the "Smokey Mountain Festival" in Gatlinburg, TN, November 13-15. They said it was great seeing so many Northwest Florida dancers there. Their excitement was contagious when they returned. It seems the more they dance the more they want to dance!

We can't thank Greg Huebner enough for getting our website up and running. You will be amazed at Greg's cleverness in executing this site. Go check it out at www.dancingdolphins.org. It will put a smile on your face.

The club is so proud of the beautiful travel banner, made and donated, by Barb Mosley. Now we are ready for the Northwest Florida clubs to come steal our banner!

The Dancing Dolphins would love to have you dance with us any Thursday night, but we want to give you a special invitation to attend the class graduation on February 5, 2009, 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Much effort is going into making this a very special dance and a graduation our students will remember.

It's hip to be in a square!

Ann Merriwether

dancingdolphins@email.com

Summer Olympics

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Swinging Squares—Panama City

2008 ended with one enthusiastic square of new dancers swinging through mainstream calls under the expert coaching of Dave Muller. Graduation was planned for December 17, just in time for participation in our annual January "Blue and White Ball". Three dancers felt confident enough to attend the Northwest Florida annual October Roundup! They have definitely caught "square dance fever".

Darryl McMillan's return to Grand Square Hall on January 10 means a night of smooth square dancing. He knows how to "call to the floor" and make it interesting and fun for everyone. Bill Bovard cues early rounds and rounds between squares for the pleasure of round dance enthusiasts. So, grab your partner and come join us. We guarantee an evening you'll enjoy.

Decorations have transitioned the Hall from "It's Fall Ya'll" and "BOOTiful" Halloween Jack-o-Lanterns to "Thanksgiving Pilgrims". By the time you read this, Grand Square Hall will be "Deked Out" in red and green for Christmas.

Since Ted and Nancy Kennedy's move from Slidell to Panama City is still in "transition" ...we have changed our first Wednesday caller. Chris Burchfield is now on the stand followed by Dave Muller the second week, Jack White the third week and Bob Poyner finishes the month.

As we formed the final squares for last year, we were again reminded of the good times and great friendships we enjoy every week. Though no one can predict the future, one thing is certain...each Wednesday night at 7 in 2009, you'll find us ready to swing our partners into a new year. Join us at Grand Square Hall, 11th and Bob Little Road when you are in the Panhandle. For schedule and caller information call Joe and Patricia at (850) 769-4218 or email: squaredancepc@bellsouth.net...or www.floridasquaredance.com.

Betty Kearney, PR Chairman



Latin Rhythms - Rumba, Cha Cha, Jive and Swing, Bolero, Samba
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Northwest Association Clubs

Agape Squares

Caller: Berlon Graham, Mondays, 7—9 PM
Niceville First UMC Life Center, 214 South Partin
Drive, Niceville, FL
Berlon Graham (850) 609-3241

Canoe Squares

Caller: Bob Poyner, Mondays, 7:30—9:30 PM
Hobbs Middle School, 5371 Glover Lane,
Milton, FL
Bob Poyner (850) 834-3548

Capital Twirlers

Caller: Elmer Sheffield
Cuer: Fran Soos
1st, 3rd, & 4th Mondays, 7:30 PM
Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 North Monroe,
Tallahassee, FL
Bill Bovard (850) 784-7780

Dance-A-Rounds Round Dance Club

Cuer: Bill Bovard, Thursdays, 7—9 PM
Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road,
Panama City, FL
Bill Bovard (850) 784-7780

Dancing Dolphins

Caller: Berlon Graham, Thursdays, 7:30—9 PM
PASARDA Hall, 17 Industrial Street, Ft. Walton
Beach, FL
Berlon Graham (850) 609-3241

Grand Square Rounds

Cuer: Sandy Sturgis, Sundays, 3:30—5:30 PM
Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road,
Panama City, FL
Sandy Sturgis (850) 265-9488

Pensacola Twirlers Square & Round Dance Club

Caller: Patty Ping, Tuesdays, 7—9 PM
Bayview Senior Center, 2000 Lloyd Street,
Pensacola, FL
Patty Ping (850) 492-1757

Sandpipers Square Dance Club

Tape Leader: Jerry Fowler, Mondays, 7—9 PM
Dancing to tapes with occasional visiting callers
PASARDA Hall, 17 Industrial Boulevard,
Fort Walton, FL
Jerry Fowler (850) 243-2338

Seaside Squares

Caller: Various, Fridays, 7—9 PM
Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL
Bill Jenner (850) 375-1749

Swinging Squares

Caller: Jack White, Bob Poyner, Dave Muller,
Wednesdays, 7—9:30 PM
Cuer: Early rounds—Sandy Sturgis,
between squares—Bill Bovard
Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road,
Panama City, FL
Jack White (850) 871-0277

For any further information, contact Terri Wilaby, (850) 712-5230 or panhandlepress@hotmail.com.

A Moment in History

January 1988 edition: Do you, let your spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend, date for the evening, dance with a single dancer attending your club dance? They support our clubs, associations, conventions, festivals and are for the most part hard workers. They paid their way to the dance and don't you think they should get to dance? They do not want our square/round dance partner all they want to do is enjoy themselves and get to dance some. REMEMBER, none of us know when we may too be without a partner through no fault of our own. Death or divorce...it does happen...Think about it! Then do it - dance with a single!



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SUNDAY—GRAND SQUARE ROUNDS

Beginner Class 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Easy/Intermediate Dance 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Cuer: Sandy Sturgis—265-9488

MONDAY—BOP & SHAG DANCE CLUB

Lessons 6:45 - 7:30 PM

Dance 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Contact: Bruce Fertal—522-6569

TUESDAY—PC COUNTRY WESTERN DANCERS

Lessons 7:15 - 8:00 PM

Dance 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Instructor: Chris Davis—960-8586

WEDNESDAY—SWINGING SQUARES

Early Rounds 7:00 - 7:30 PM

Squares & Rounds 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Contact: Joe McLendon—769-4218

Callers: Kennedy/Burchfield 1st

Dave Muller 2nd

Jack White 3rd

Bob Poyner 4th

Cuer: Bill Bovard/Sandy Sturgis

THURSDAY—DANCE-A-ROUND R/D CLUB

Easy/Intermediate rounds 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Cuer: Bill Bovard—784-7780

FRIDAY—BALLROOM DANCING

Basic Lessons and Dance to 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Big Band music

Instructors: Bill & Madelyn—784-7780

FRIDAY—LINE DANCING

Line Dances, Couples Dances 8:30 - 9:45 PM

Prompter: Bill Bovard—784-7780

SATURDAY—SATURDAY BALLROOM DANCE

Lessons 6:30 - 7:00 PM

Dancing 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Contact: Dick Lovejoy—769-9503

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VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

ALSO, ALL CLUBS OCCASIONALLY CANCEL—PLEASE VERIFY WITH CONTACT CUER OR CALLER. GRAND SQUARE HALL IS OWNED & OPERATED BY DANCERS OF THE PANAMA CITY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION, A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION DEDICATED TO PRESERVING OUR SQUARE & ROUND DANCE HERITAGE.



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Dancing Dolphins University
Request the pleasure of your company
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The Class of 2000
Graduation
Magna Cum Laude
with a
Bachelor of Square Dancing Degree
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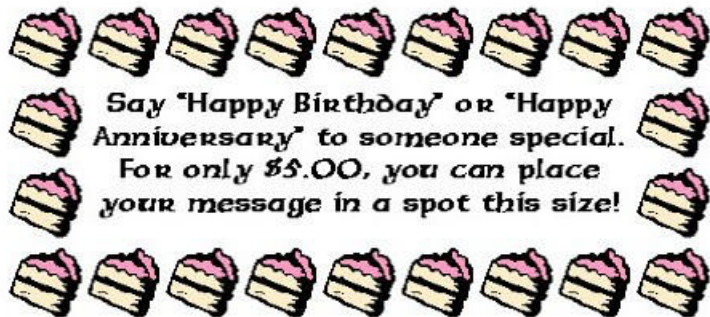
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Dancing at the 58th NSDC

You know there'll be Square Dancing at the Square Dance Convention.... Dah! But there's so much more! There will be separate halls for Clogging, Contra Dancing, Country-Western Dancing, Line Dancing, Round Dancing, and more. Read on to get a glimpse of a few of the other dancing venues.

Contra Dancing at the 58th NSDC

We hope you are planning on attending the 58th National Square Dance Convention® in Long Beach. We are planning a full program of Contra with dancing, seminars and clinics. We will have our "Energizer" dance on Tuesday night before the Convention as a Trail-End dance on Wednesday with more information to follow. After-parties are planned for each evening after the dance on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We will be dancing in one hall. Each dance is walked through to familiarize the dancers with the moves so that anyone can participate, so come on down.

Country-Western Dancing at the 58th NSDC

Please join us in the Country-Western Hall, where we will be offering classes, workshops and clinics in line, couple and partner dancing. Our experienced staff of instructors will offer beginning and intermediate classes in Two-Step, Waltz and East Coast swing. Even if you have never danced Country-Western, we invite you to join us, as we will teach lots of easy beginning line dances and partner dances. Each evening we will have an after-party with open line and partner dancing.

Round Dancing at the 58th NSDC

Join us in Long Beach for an outstanding Round Dance Program at the 58th National Square Dance Convention®. Bob & Eileen Silvia, Vice Chairman Round Dance, have planned three wonderful halls for the round dancers attending. Our Phase 2 hall has 600 square feet, Phase 3 & 4 has 10,000+ square feet and the Phase 5 & 6 also has 10,000 square feet. All three halls are introducing "DanceTm" flooring, which you will find to be a wonderful floor to dance on. This flooring is new to the National Conventions. We are planning a "well-rounded" dance program for all of you. We look forward to hosting you in June of 2009 in Long Beach, California.

Wednesday Night Show at the 58th NSDC

COME ONE, COME ALL to our fantastic Wednesday night show, where you will enjoy the differences in the two groups we are presenting for your entertainment.

Jam Brown, with her sultry rich country voice, who has sung with Emmy Lou Harris and Dolly Parton, among others, will sing songs which you will recognize from her own collection, as well as other songs we know you'll know. Jam has performed everywhere from "Farm Aid" with Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson, to the "Grand Ole Opry" with everyone from Dolly Parton to Vince Gill.

Amanda Shaw is a teen-age fiddle-playing sensation who brings a youth-oriented, modern sensibility to traditional Cajun music with her sassy vocals and enchanting smile.

There will be two performances: one at 6:00 p.m. & and one at 8:30 p.m.. Both performances include both performers. Tickets pre-purchased before the Wednesday night show will be \$20 for Orchestra and \$15 for Loge, VIP & Floor. Tickets will be available at the door on a cash only basis; \$20 for Loge and Floor seating only.



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Hospitality While at the 58th NSDC

The 58th National Convention will have plenty of old-fashioned hospitality. We will have two information booths for you. One will be in the Arena Lobby near Ways and Means. The other will be in the Main Lobby. We will have information on everything from where to get a haircut and where to church to a mobile RV service.

We will have a hospitality room for our international dancers in room 204B on the second floor, which will be a shaded hospitality area with VIPs (for committee members of future conventions). There will be one for our entertainers in room 104C, which is where the eaters and coors check-in will be. We will have hospitality areas for youths in the Youth Hall. Vendor Hospitality will be located in the Vendor area for their convenience. These are great places to relax, get information, share ideas and experiences.

Ceremonies at the 58th NSDC

The premier ceremony at the 58th, and the one you don't want to miss, is the Parade of States and Closing Ceremony, which is scheduled for Saturday night in the Arena. This ceremony will feature a colorful and impressive parade of dancers marching into the Arena by state or country. As the dancers enter, each state or country will be recognized for its contribution to the success of the 58th National Square Dance Convention®. The Closing Ceremony will follow the Parade and will include the hotly-anticipated drawings for the grand prizes, which include a 2009 Chevrolet HHR vehicle, a Panama Canal Cruise, a 58-inch flat panel HD television and a digital camera and accessories. (Be sure to buy at least one ticket!) The Closing Ceremony will then culminate with the announcement of the winner of the bid to host the 62nd National Square Dance Convention® in 2013, an exciting and emotional part of every convention's closing. Make your plans now to join us on Saturday in the Arena.

Bid Session at the 58th NSDC

The bid session at the 58th National Convention will take place in the beautiful Terrace Theater of the Long Beach Convention Center, just prior to the keynote speaker, the morning of Friday, June 29, 2009. The participants will be competing for the convention for the year 2013. Thus far we have conventions planned for June, 2010, in Louisville, KY, and in June, 2011, in Detroit, MI. At the 57th National Convention, held in Wichita, KS, there were two excellent presentations made for the June, 2012, convention. The presentations were made by the city of Spokane, WA and the city of Oklahoma City, OK. The mayor of Oklahoma City spoke as a representative for that city and he said that if his city would have the convention in 2012, he'd learn how to square dance. That apparently did not influence the judges to vote his way and the city of Spokane, WA won the right to have the convention in 2012. We have learned that the city of Oklahoma City will again be one of the parties bidding in the beautiful Terrace Theater of the Long Beach Convention Center on June 29, 2009 for the Convention which will take place in 2013. We hope that there will be competing cities for that 2013 convention but even if it is just that one city making a presentation it will be an opportunity for everyone to see what Oklahoma City has to offer.

Emergency Phone Number at the 58th NSDC

We have received the emergency telephone number for the convention. The number has been issued but will not be active until Monday, June 22, 2009. The telephone number is: (562) 628-8400

**Make plans now to come to Long Beach, California, in June, 2009
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Panhandle Press Doghouse

The following clubs and halls are in our doghouse for not submitting an article in time for this publication:

Capital Twirlers
Special Steppers

Grand Square Rounds
Sandpipers

Don't let your club miss out on having their say in our Association press. Get your articles in early. *Don't forget the pictures!!!!*

Callers & Cuers: Send us your dance cards or wind up here! All of you are listed on the callers roster!

Larry Belcher
Bill Bovard
Berlon Graham
Dave Muller
Rodney Ryals
Bill Van Hoeson
Jack White

Paul Bischoff
Frank Cherry
Henry Marshall
Chuck Myers
Sandy Sturgis
Jim Vincent
Ben Williams



Mardi Gras Madness

Saturday 21 Feb. 2009

**Grand Square Hall
11th Street & Bob Little Rd.
Panama City, Fl**

Squares

**Ted Kennedy
Slidell, La.**

Rounds

**Bill Bovard
Panama City, Fl.**

Early Rounds: 7:00

Squares & Rounds: 8:00 – 10:30

\$10.00 Per Person



**Refreshments Served
New Orleans King Cake
Beads & More**

Help Us Crown Our New King & Queen

Canoe Square—Milton

Canoes' want to wish a Happy New Year to all our square and round dance friends. We hope that Gene and Mary Hamilton recover completely. Also, our continued prayers for Adam Grishaber.

These past months have been very busy. Congratulations to Canoes' secretary, Sandy Williamson, on being honored as "Northwest Florida's Dancer of the Year". Well deserved, Sandy!

Several members traveled to O'leno State Park in High Springs, Florida for the yearly hoedown. Our own Bob Poyner called along with Bill Chesnut. A great time was had by all.

Canoes were also well represented at the Smokey Mountain Festival in Gatlinburg, and at the Turkey Strut in Pigeon Ford, Tennessee.



Monday, December 3rd, at Hobbs Middle School in Milton, Canoes had their annual "Toys for Tots" square dance. Five squares were formed. Bob Poyner called squares and Terri Wilaby cued rounds. A member of the USMC was present to collect the 75 plus toys and donations of \$213.00 for needy children in the area. Thank

you to all who participated. This dance was such a great way to start the Holiday season.

On Monday, December 15th Canoes square danced at Berry Hill Manor. The residents at this facility certainly



enjoyed the music and dance. Thank you for calling Bob. AND, thank you Muriel for organizing the event.



Canoes went dark on the Monday before New Years. Lots of members either had company, or were out of town. The rest attended the New Year's dance with Bob Poyner and Dave Muller at Ragan Hall.

Canoes are looking forward to seeing all our fellow square dancers and round dancers at their 25th Anniversary Dance at Hobbs Middle School in Milton on February 28, 2009. Our caller will be Ted Kennedy, and Sandy Sturgis from Panama City will be cueing rounds.

Join us on Mondays at Hobbs Middle School from 7:30 to 9:30pm in Milton. Visitors are always welcome and such a big part of what makes square dancing fun. Welcome back to the "snowbirds".

See ya on the dance floor!

Wendy

IF YOU FIND MISTAKES



ANY MISTAKES YOU MAY FIND IN THIS PUBLICATION ARE THERE FOR A PURPOSE. WE TRY TO PUBLISH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AND SOME PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR



Calendar of Events

January

10 Blue & White Ball, Grand Square Hall, Panama City, FL
Caller: Darryl McMillan
Cuer: Bill Bovard

17 January Shine 2009, Ragon Hall, Pensacola, FL
Caller: Ted Kennedy
Cuer: Terri Wilaby

22-24 Winter Festival, Lakeland Civic Center, Lakeland, FL
Caller: Jerry Story Jerry Haag, John Saunders, Tony Oxendine, Tim Crawford, Dee Dee Dougherty, Bill Harrison
Cuer: Jimmy & Carol Griffin, Bill & Martha Buck, Jerry & Barbara Pierce

31 Winter Fling, Loxley Civic Center, Loxley, AL
Caller: Scotty Sharrer
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis

February

13 Special Night @ Ragon Hall
Caller: Nick Hartley
Cuer: Terri Wilaby

13-14 49th Annual Knothead Convention, Eau Gallie Civic Center, Melbourne, FL
Caller: Nasser Shukayr
Cuer: Dick Nordine

13-14 Blue-Grey Square Dance, Rountree-Moore Toyota Indoor Showroom,
Caller: Bill Chesnut, Bob Poyner
Cuer: Lisa Wall



21 Mardi Gras Madness, Grand Square Hall,
Panama City, FL
Caller: Ted Kennedy
Cuer: Bill Bovard

21 Snowflake Frolic, Boynton Beach Civic Center,
Boynton Beach, FL
Caller: Jack Lewis, Scotty Shearrer
Cuer: Jerry & Joyce Viola

22 Special Dance, Azalea Hall, Theodore, AL
Caller: Nick Hartely, Ted Kennedy

28 Canoe's Anniversary Dance, Hobbs Middle
School, Milton, FL
Caller: Ted Kennedy
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis

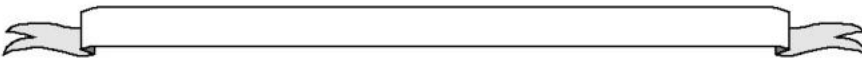
March
7 Spring Dance, Fleeta School Gym, Opp, AL
Caller: Larry Belcher
Cuer: Terri Wilaby

19 Azalea Trail-In Dance, Azalea Hall, Theodore,
AL
Caller: Larry Belcher, Willis Simmons
Cuer: TBA

20-21 Azalea Trail Dance, Azalea Hall, Theodore, AL
Caller: Gary Shoemake
Cuer: Juey & Eloise Dufrene

21 Shamrock Swing, La Hacienda Center, The
Villages, FL
Caller: Tony Oxendine, Bob Stern
Cuer: Joanne & Ken Helton

27-28 18th Annual Fuzzy Navel Dance, Jekyll, GA
Caller: Bud Whitten
Cuer: Shirley Wilson



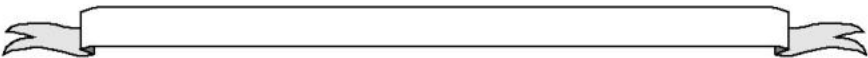
The Swinging Squares Dancer-of-the-Year nominees for 2008-2009 are Dave and Juanita Lingo. Their dedication to and support of square and round dancing has not wavered in more than 25 years.

They have supported square and round dancing in many ways, evidenced by a significant monetary donation to the building fund for Panama City Grand Square Hall and the donation of labor and talent in the construction of the building. They have contributed by holding officer positions as President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Panama City Square & Round Dance Association and President and Vice-President of the Swinging Squares Dance Club.

During a transition period of the Swinging Squares from a caller club to a member club, the Lingos were an instrumental part of the success the club continues to enjoy today. They stepped up and, along with two other couples, managed the affairs of the Swinging Squares for over four years. They offer the benefit of their experience in planning open houses, advertising, special dances, demos, and provide valuable advice in many other areas.


Dave and Juanita participate regularly in dancing with the three local dance groups, Swinging Squares, Dance-A-Round and Grand Square Rounds. They support callers, cuers and clubs by traveling to out-of-town dances. Their overall contribution to square and round dancing is nothing less than outstanding.

We are grateful to have Dave and Juanita Lingo as members of Swinging Squares Square and Round Dance Club and we proudly present them as our nominees for NWFSRDA Dancer-of-the-Year.



Geraldine is been a member of the Pensacola Twirlers since 2002 and has been an enthusiastic dancer ever since. As soon as elections rolled around, she started volunteering for club positions. She regularly makes herself available to promote square dancing in the local community with our club. She has performed demonstrations at nursing homes, assisted living facilities, elementary schools and community fairs such as St. Anne's Roundup. She represents the square dancing community at the Fiesta of Five Flags Night of Courts introduction at the civic center. She is constantly opening her home to pool parties and picnics. She even graciously donates the use of her home for round dance lessons now that the previous location is no longer available, just to keep the lessons going. She has also helped organize banner raids to help promote club relations and support our dances, traveling with early bird tickets to make it easier for dancers to purchase their tickets. Geraldine is also very diligent in regards to obtaining energetic callers and cuers for our dances, be they for special dances or simply club dances when our resident caller is on vacation.

To this end, the Pensacola Twirlers feel that Ms. Geraldine Pitts is extremely deserving of your consideration as Dancer of the Year.



Congratulations NWFSARDA's Dancer of the Year

Canoe Squares nominee for Dancer-of-the-Year is Sandra Williams. She attends every special dance within 100 miles of Pensacola, and travels to Mobile on Tuesdays to dance with a Dance By Definition club there. She also dances with an Advanced square dance club on Thursdays and at the local square dance hall whenever there is a dance to attend. She dances on the average four to five nights a week.

Sandra dances Mainstream, Plus and Advanced (A-1/A/2) and willingly gets into the square with new dancers to help bring them along, at whatever level they may be dancing. She always dresses appropriately, and provides an example for other dancers. Her square dance attire is proper and attractive, and promotes a positive image of her favorite pastime. Sandra dances expertly at all levels from Mainstream through A-2, and regularly assists in classes to bring other dancers along in their endeavors.

In addition to her secretarial duties, she voluntarily prepares the monthly activity calendar for the Canoe Squares and prepares a roster for host/hostess for the Monday dances. She not only participates in the regularly scheduled events, but more often than not, helps plan and promote them also. She is dedicated to square dancing, and always willing to serve in any way to promote and/or preserve the activity. She has held numerous offices in several different entities in the North West area, and can be counted on to effectively hold any position of responsibility and perform well in that position. Sandra is a real ambassador for square dancing, and is worthy of the honor of Canoe Squares Dancer of the Year, and if selected, the NWFSARDA Dancer of the Year.



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2009



BOYNTON BEACH CIVIC CENTER
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(COURTESY OF JACK LEWIS & SCOTTY SHARRER)

CALLERS: JACK LEWIS AND SCOTTY SHARRER

CUERS: JERRY & JOYCE VIOLA



EARLY ROUNDS BEGINNING AT7:30 P.M.
SQUARE DANCING FROM.....8:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.



COST: \$8.00 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR



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Shamrock Swing 2009

We wish each and everyone a Blessed and Happy New Year!! We have reached the New Year of 2009. This means that the Shamrock Swing 2009 is fast approaching. Have you gotten your ribbons? Do you know all of the details of this upcoming dancing weekend? Let us fill you in or remind you of the details of this March 20th & 21st, 2009 right here in The Villages in the LaHacienda Recreation Center, 1200 Avenida Central you will find Tony Oxendine and Bob Stern calling Squares for your dancing pleasure. Joanne and Ken Helton will add to this enjoyment by cueing your favorite Rounds.

There will be two halls of dancing featuring Mainstream, Plus, DBD, Advance and Rounds. You can purchase Ribbons in advance for \$17 per person. The Ribbons will be \$19 per person at the door. Daily admission is also available at the door. All day Saturday dancing for the price of \$13 per person. Admission for Friday or Saturday evening will be \$11 per person.

You can help support the Shamrock Swing also by being a Booster. You pay \$1 and your name will be entered in the Program Booklet as a supporter of the Shamrock Swing.

The Host Hotel is Microtel Inn and Suites -- 840 South Hwy. 22/441 in Lady Lake, FL. Their phone # is (352) 259-0184. They are approximately (3) three miles South of The Villages. Be sure and tell them you are with the Central Florida Square Dancers. Right next door to the Microtel is Oakwood Bar-B-Q restaurant. There are many restaurants in The Villages -- some within walking distance.

Talk to the President or Area Reps of the Central Florida Square and Round Dance Association dubs to purchase your Ribbons or to become a Booster. You can, also, contact:

Bob & Jennie Courter, Chairpersons
Phone (352) 751-1009
Email: courj4720@thevillages.net

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Bob & Liz Wilson, Media

USDA News

This month is a little departure from our "borrowing" USDA material. During the USDA annual meeting held in Wichita, Kansas, Charlie and Kitty Holley were elected as Vice-President of the Central Region (which includes Florida). Congratulations to Charlie & Kitty!!



Also, Florida is in need of another pair of USDA Representatives. Tom and Mirriam James have accepted the position of Handicapable Chairman. Tom and Mirriam have done a fantastic job of representing Florida and the entire USDA as they toted their USDA publications display all over the United States. Florida couldn't have asked for a better couple to represent Florida and the USDA. Many thanks, Tom & Mirriam!

A quick reminder: You have until February 1, 2009 to submit your application for the \$1000.00 USDA Founders Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship. To qualify you must:

- Be a high school senior or college freshman.
- Have a record of volunteer service with square dancing.
- Have outstanding leadership potential and communication skills.
- Be an active square dancer.
- Be committed to promotion and perpetuation of square dancing.
- Have completed your application and essay on or before February 1, 2009.
- Be sponsored by a USDA Affiliate Organization.
- Have your application signed by USDA Affiliate Organization President.

Application forms may be obtained from <http://www.usda.org>.

Paul & Cheryl Miller
Florida USDA Representatives

ROCK AND ROLL TIME IN 2009 May 22, 23 and 24



We all know the best way to have a successful event is to invite everybody and then to make sure they attend. Well, that is my job and I plan to do it every month so that I can hear that final number of dancers attending the 55th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention.

Randy and Carol and all of the committee members and volunteers are working hard to make it the "most rockin'" one yet, and would like to far exceed last year's final count.

Please check the Florida Dance Web page frequently and you will have current updates. As I said, it will be the best \$27.00 per person in advance, or \$30.00 at the door that you could ever spend. The callers and cuers are planning lots of fun tips and the workshops will keep you on your toes and wanting more. Square dancing is one of the most rewarding involvements in so many ways; the exercise physically and mentally is such a bonus reward for having fun. The friendships are lasting as well as all of the good memories. So....do it...buy your tickets, and your raffle tickets....(and even one of the special T-shirts the committee members have for sale)....attend all the pre-convention fun raisers and events....and you will be ready to Rock and Roll in Lakeland on May 22,23 and 24. 2009.



See you on the dance floor!
Joanne Engum
Publicity Chairman



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The 58th National Square Dance Convention® Ceremonies Committee has put together four ceremonies for your enjoyment at the Long Beach convention. We'll tell you about two of them here and the other two in the next press release. The first, the Opening Ceremony, will be held on the Terrace Theater Patio beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Featuring the "Beach Buoys," a quartet of nationally-known callers (Mike Seastrom, Ken Bower, Tony Oxendine and one other), singing *Beach Boy* tunes and honoring America, it will set the tone for the rest of the week of your *California Dreamin'* adventure. The ceremony will also serve as a prelude to the Wednesday night show. The second ceremony will be held on Thursday. The 58th National will honor Carl & Varena Anderson, the General Chairman of the 1st National Square Dance Convention® in Riverside, by dedicating a tree to their memory. This ceremony will be a special one, because it will be the last in a series of tree dedications begun in Riverside in 2001 as part of the 50th National Square Dance Convention®, which was held in Anaheim. The ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. on the Terrace Theater Patio.

Dancing Clinics at the 58th NSDC

If it's variety of dance you are looking for at the 58th National Square Dance Convention® in 2009, you will enjoy the clinics we have planned for you. Clogging, contra, line dance, round dance and square dance, you will find them all at one or more sessions of our clinics. These clinics are hands-on sessions, i.e., the steps will be explained and demonstrated by our very capable instructors, and the student will then have the opportunity to practice what they have just learned. We will present four one-hour clinics daily, for a total of twelve clinics that will be taught over a three-day period. All our clinics are at the introductory level so if you are brand-new at a particular type of dance, or if you want to do some brush-up work, these clinics are for you. The idea is to attend our introductory clinics and then you will feel more comfortable and perform better when you step onto the dance floor at the regular dance sessions at the convention. Some of the highlights from our list of classes are the line dance clinics and the square dance clinics. We will offer an introduction to Line Dance, Western Line Dance – Waltz, Fun Stuff Lines, Western Line Dance – Cha-Cha and Western Line Dance – Swing. The square dance clinics feature Square Dances for Fun, Mainstream Review Hour and Introduction to Phat. If you are looking for something a little different that you do not see too often and will really keep you on your toes, be sure to check out our clinic on Hexagon Squares. Other clinics include introduction to Contra, introduction to Round Dance and introduction to Clogging. There is truly something for everyone, so we will look for you at our clinics in Long Beach. Learn some new steps or do some brush-up, bu: dance, dance, dance - Kowabunga, dude!

Hotel Confirmations at the 58th NSDC

Many dancers planning on attending the Long Beach Convention have been asking when hotel confirmations will be sent out to those dancers requesting hotel rooms. When we receive a new registration, our Registration Vice Chairmen send out a confirmation within 3 to 4 weeks of receipt of the registration form. This is a Convention confirmation only. The hotels will be sending out room confirmations sometime in January or February, 2009.

Showcase of Ideas at the 58th NSDC

The Showcase of Ideas has been a special feature at National Conventions for many years. It's exciting to walk through the hall and see what different organizations are doing. We thank all of our early responders to the Showcase. As of this date, we have 23 organizations that will be presenting their "Ideas" in Long Beach, and we look forward to even more. If you plan on presenting your ideas and have not sent in your response, please do so before February 1, 2009. For our dancers, do not miss Showcase of Ideas in Hall A. Our organizations distribute some great information on conventions and festivals in their states. Then, of course, the upcoming national conventions have an abundance of information for you to pick up to plan your trip to their conventions. We're looking forward to seeing you at the Showcase of Ideas.



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Program Book at the 58th NSDC

The Program Book is the official publication for the 58th National Square Dance Convention®. Our Program Book will provide attendees of the Convention with information that will make the experience more enjoyable. The Program Book contains the schedule of all events that will take place at the Convention from the Wednesday evening Opening Ceremonies to the final dance tip on Saturday evening. It will list where and when each of the activities will take place. The Program Book, together with the three "Dailies" is a must to fully enjoy the experience of attending the National Convention. Please keep in mind that only a limited number of Program Books and the Dailies will be ordered. To ensure you receive a copy of these books for the 58th National Square Dance Convention®, pre-order them on your Registration Form. That way you will have them waiting for you in your Registration Packet when you arrive. When the convention is over, these Books will become a keepsake of the fun you've had and remind you of great time you had with friends at the 58th National Square Dance Convention®. We encourage you to order today.

Vendors at the 58th NSDC

Everyone looks forward to wandering through the Vendor Hall while at the Convention. What wondrous items you can purchase; what great outfits they have on display; forget to bring your dance shoes? They have them here! At this time we have 43 vendors using 114 booths at the 58th National Square Dance Convention®. All of these vendors were also at Wichita. There are all types: clothing, accessories, shoes, and massage. We have 30 booths left, some with 3 connecting booths. We have had inquiries from others interested in having a booth at Long Beach. If you know anyone interested in being a vendor, please have them contact Joe & Sharon Boyajian at Business.Vendors@58nsdc.org.

Press Breakfast at the 58th NSDC

As a "thank-you" to the editors who promote the 58th National Square Dance Convention® in their publications, the Publicity Committee is planning to invite those editors who qualify to a breakfast ceremony on Thursday, June 25, 2009. This year, we will have an award for "Best Beach Reading", as well as other awards for many of the editors who have promoted the National Conventions over the years. We have already scheduled a fantastic speaker, Dr. Michael Holt. Dr. Holt is a certified clinical hypnotherapist with impressive credentials. Although he is not currently square dancing, he has in the past and we may be taking him into starting again. He is a fascinating and entertaining speaker. We have asked that Dr. Holt speak on the critical importance of fun to our well-being.

Route 66 Experience at the 58th NSDC

Begin your California adventure by cruising Route 66 to the 58th National Square Dance Convention®. Join fellow square dancers or travel solo along the way to see and experience the "Main Street of America". The trip begins in Chicago, Illinois and will end at the Pacific Ocean in beautiful Long Beach. You may begin your Route 66 adventure anywhere along the way. See historic sites, eat at roadside cafes, and stay in motor courts or campgrounds and square dance along the way. You will receive a Route 66 lanyard to display pins purchased at interesting sites. Everyone will gather in Victorville, California on Sunday, June 21st at the Route 66 Museum to share Route 66 experiences, have a BBQ, receive special t-shirts and raffle prizes, and then caravan to Long Beach on Monday, June 22nd, to let everyone know that square dancers have arrived! As part of the Route 66 caravan, you will receive priority access to the RV parking site on the grounds of the Long Beach Convention Center. For more information about joining us to "get your kicks on Route 66," see our website at: www.58nsdc.org.

**Make plans now to come to Long Beach, California, in June, 2009
for the "Greatest Square Dance Event In The World."**

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Ted Kennedy

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Advanced Class 6:00 - 7:00

Advanced Tips 7:00 - 7:30

Plus D&D 7:30 - 9:30

Jan 7 - January Shine, Ragon Hall, Pensacola

Jan 24 - Castoffs Anniversary, Western Squares,
Baton Rouge, LA

Feb. 21 - Mardi Gras Dance, Grand Square Hall,
Panama City, FL

Feb. 22 - Azalea Hall, Mobile, AL, Calling with Nick
Hartley

Feb 28 - Canoe Squares Anniversary Dance,
Milton, FL

Patty Ping

Mondays—Spanish Twirlers, Daphne Civic Center,
Daphne, AL 7-9

Tuesdays—Pensacola Twirlers, Bayview Senior Center,
Pensacola, FL 7-9

Thursdays—Azalea Squares, Azalea Hall, Theodore, AL
6:30-9

Bob Poyner

Mondays -Canoe Squares -Hobbs Middle School,
Milton, FL - 7:30 - 9:30

Tuesdays (except the 4th Tuesday)-Domino City
Squares, Senior Center, Andalusia, AL 7 - 9

Every 4th Wednesday-Swinging Squares, Grand Square
Hall, Panama City, FL 7:30 - 9:30

Thursdays-Gulf Coast A's, Ragon Hall, Pensacola, FL
7-9

Jan. 17 - Buoys & Belles, Gulfport, MS

Feb 14 - Blue & Grey Festival, Rountree-Moore Toyota
Indoor Showroom, Lake City, FL



Willis Simmons

January 22 - Singing River Swingers, Moss Point, MS

February 21 - Belles & Buoys Square Dance Club,
Gulfport, MS

May 7 - Singing River Swingers, Moss Point, MS

July 16 - Singing River Swingers, Moss Point, MS

August 15 - Belles & Buoys Square Dance Club,
Gulfport, MS

October 16 & 17th - Mini Jamboree, MASDA Hall,
Montgomery, AL

Terri Wilaby

Friday, Ragon Hall, 7:30-9:30p, Pensacola, FL

Sunday, Ragon Hall, 3:30-5:30p, Pensacola, FL

January 10 - MASDA Hall, Montgomery, AL

February 14 - Sweetheart Swing, Ft. Walton Beach, FL

March 7 - Spring Dance, Opp, AL

April 25-26 - Weekend of Rounds, Pensacola, FL

Bill Van Hoeson

Tuesdays—Pasarda Hall, Ft. Walton 7-9

1st & 3rd Wednesday—ABC Square Dancing, Pullum
Senior Center, Navarre, FL 6:30-8:30

Fridays—CLL Adult Education, Pasarda Hall, Ft.
Walton, FL 3-4:30

Sunday—Emerald Waves, Holy Cross MCC, Pensacola,
FL 4-6



7—N—7 Rounds

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Pensacola Twirlers—Pensacola

Pensacola Twirlers Square & Round Dance club celebrated their 22nd anniversary with a weekend of dancing at Ragon Hall on November 7th and 8th. Thanks to a new caller to our area, Charlie Pergrossi from Trenton, FL for calling an exciting, high energy dance that kept everybody moving and having a great time. He also called a dance on Saturday morning. Sandy Sturgis from Panama City cued a full floor of round dancers and also taught a workshop on Saturday afternoon to a large group of people. A Great Big Thanks to all the people that came out and enjoyed dancing with us. Door prizes, a raffle, 50/50 and wonderful, delicious foods were enjoyed by everyone.

Congratulation to Jerry Williamson and Sarah Pergrossi for winning the 50/50 and Thelma Cruthers for winning the raffle, which was a gorgeous hand-made Christmas tree made and donated by Pauline Edison.

As we looked forward to Thanksgiving Day to celebrate with friends and family the blessings of another year and being fortunate to live in a country of freedom and prosperity we wish for everyone good health, happiness, and continue enjoying our abundance of blessings.

With Christmas next on our calendars, we also want to think about what a blessed year we have had and Remember "What The Reason for The Season Truly Is". Christmas is a time for celebrating the birth of a Saviour to all mankind. May each and everyone of us be grateful for what we have been blessed to enjoy the past year and continue to be able to enjoy square and round dancing with friends in 2009 with love, peace, and laughter.

CUNA Square,
Geraldine Pitts V. P., Pensacola Twirlers



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Ceremonies at the 58th NSDC

The 58th National Square Dance Convention® Ceremonies Committee has put together four ceremonies for your enjoyment at the Long Beach convention. In the prior press release, we told you about two of the four special ceremonies. The Opening Ceremony on Wednesday, which features the "Beach Buoys" a quartet of Nationally-known callers (Mike Seaton, Ken Bower, Tony Oxendine plus ??) will be singing *Beach Boy*' tunes and honoring America. The tree dedication ceremony on Thursday, which will be the last in a series of tree dedications, was begun in Riverside in 2001 as part of the 50th National Square Dance Convention®.

Now for the other two ceremonies. The Friday ceremony is the opportunity for the 59th National Square Dance Convention® to shine, as they invite everyone to attend their convention in Louisville, Kentucky in 2010. The ceremony will begin at 5:45PM in the Arena. This free event will open with a very special square dance exhibition that alone is worth the "price of admission." This ceremony will include nationally-known caller Pat Carnahan with a stirring tribute to America, and will feature the presentation of Louisville's invitation.

The premier ceremony at the 58th National Square Dance Convention® is the Parade of States and Closing Ceremony. It will be held on Saturday evening in the Arena. This ceremony will feature an impressive and rousing parade of dances marching into the Arena by state or country. As the dancers enter, each state or country will be recognized for its contribution to the success of the 58th National. The Closing Ceremony will then culminate with the announcement of the winner of the bid to host the 62nd National Square Dance Convention® in 2013. Lineup for the Parade will begin at 4:30PM, with the Parade stepping off at 5:00PM. The Closing Ceremony will start immediately after the Parade.

Make your plans now to include the 58th National's ceremonies in your convention schedule.

Raffle at the 58th NSDC

Would you like a new Chevrolet HHR? It's that mod/retro vehicle that you see other folks driving around town. It could be yours if you win the great raffle that the 58th National Square Dance Convention® is holding. The winner need not be present to win. The grand prize is a 2009 Chevrolet HHR vehicle or \$15,000 cash. The other prizes are a Panama Canal Cruise (or \$5,000 cash), a 58-inch flat panel HD television (or \$4,000 cash) and a digital camera and accessories (or \$500 cash). Tickets are \$20 each. The drawing for the winners will be held during our closing ceremonies on June 27, 9009. Contact anyone on the 58th Board (the "Surf Board") to purchase tickets.

Wednesday Night Show at the 58th NSDC

COME ONE, COME ALL to the Wednesday night show, where you will enjoy the differences in the two groups we are presenting for your entertainment. Jan Brown, with her sultry rich country voice, who has sung with Emmy Lou Harris and Dolly Parton among others, will sing songs which you will recognize from her own collection as well as others. Jan has performed everywhere from "Farm Aid" with Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson, to the "Grand Ole Opry" with everyone from Dolly Parton to Vince Gill. Jan will be accompanied by her band, "The Dangerous Neighbors." Amanda Shaw is a teen-age fiddle-playing sensation who brings a youth-oriented modern sensibility to traditional Cajun music with her sassy vocals and enchanting smile. You'll also love her band, the "Cute Guys." There will be two performances, one at 6:00 & another one at 8:30PM. Both performances include both performers. Tickets pre-purchased via the "registration form" will be \$20 for Orchestra and \$15 for Logs, VIP & Floor. We will be selling tickets at the door, for \$20 cash only for any seat.

58th NSDC Registration Update

At press time, there are 2,632 registered for the 58th NSDC. Dancers from almost every state and 12 foreign countries are planning to come to Long Beach. Don't you miss out on this fun, fellowship and fitness, all set to music! REGISTER NOW!



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Ways & Means at the 58th NSDC

The 58th NSDC has gathered several great items that will make wonderful gifts for this holiday season. Visit www.58nsdc.org and click on Ways & Means to view the catalog and do your shopping with us. Some of the items we have for sale are: Shirts (denim, polo & T's), Belt Buckles, Ties, Caps, Backpacks, Clocks, Coolers, Executive Jotter, Woody Car (very cute: replicas as well as keychain sizes), Key Chains, Travel Mugs, and a beautiful Christmas Ornament. All are very reasonably priced. There is a downloadable order form so you can order now and get your good stuff before Christmas or Hanukkah (which overlap this year... thought you'd like to know). Happy Holidays!!

Tour Opportunities While at the 58th NSDC

The Social & Special Events Chairman and all their wonderful helpers have scoured the "southland" looking for great tours to make your "California Dreamin' adventure" more enjoyable. They have found many wonderful tour opportunities. You can see them online at www.58nsdc.org. Some of the tours: Disneyland® Park & Disney's California Adventure® Park; Knott's Berry Farm; LA Fashion & Jewelry Districts; The Getty Museum; Catalina Island; Dolphin & Whale Watching; Harbor Cruise. And, of course, the big one: The Post-Convention Mexican Riviera Cruise. Learn all about the many tours by logging onto the website.

58th NSDC Program Book

The Program Book only costs \$6, but contains valuable information about the convention. It also contains interesting information about the Long Beach area as well as southern California. It makes a great keepsake of this great event. Remember, you "Can't tell the players without a program." Along with the Program Book comes three separate "Daily Pocket-Size Programs," one for each day. These will provide you information on all activities of the convention. Price is \$6, but goes up to \$10 after May 31, 2009; so reserve yours early via the "registration form". If you've already sent in your form, you may use another one to order the Program Book, as well the following items: lodging request, dance syllabi, Sew & Save book, *National Squares* magazine, Wednesday night event tickets, Route 66 Passport, camping needs. Supplies at the door will be very limited, so we recommend ordering in advance to ensure you get one.

Tony Oxendine Benefit Dance – January 18, 2009

If you're in Southern California, you can begin your *California Dreamin'* experience early. Save the date: Sunday, January 18, 2009, 7:30 to 10:30PM, and come to the Cedarbrook Dance Center in Garden Grove. Tony Oxendine will be calling squares and Eileen Silvia will be cueing rounds for this exciting event. There will be a \$10 donation. All proceeds of the dance go to support the 58th National Square Dance Convention®.

Emergency Phone Number at the 58th NSDC

(562-628-8400) Give this number to your family in case they need to reach you for an emergency. This phone number is a direct line to the "main" Convention Security Personnel. The Convention Security will have direct contact with the Square Dance Security Force using 2-way radios. This number will be active beginning Monday, June 22, 2009. This is not a convention information phone number; it's an emergency number. Hopefully, you will never need these folks, but if you do, they are only a call away.

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AGAPE SQUARES NICEVILLE, FL

Agape Squares Thinks It's All About The **SUN**

We've been having lots of **SUN** this year and making lots of changes and the New Year promises to bring much more of both - most especially **FUN**!

Fantastic Dancing - Oh, my! We nearly danced our feet off at the 2008 Round-up in De Funiak Springs. You just couldn't get us off the dance floor every night. Thanks so much to Cheryl and Paul Miller and all the many others who made it such a fabulous event. We can't wait for the 2009 Round-up!

Underwoods Deserve Special Thanks - Agape Squares recently held an election of officers and welcomed Lois Harwood as our new president. Her husband Seb quickly proclaimed himself "First Dudo". Nancy and Dave Underwood deserve a most special "Thank You" for the many years of service they put in as President of Agape Squares. Keep Nancy in your thoughts and prayers as it looks like she may have to undergo knee surgery soon.

New Opportunities - Special thanks also goes to Grog & Marge Hustler for spending so much time looking for a new location to dance. Although we've opted not to move right away it's wonderful to know that when we outgrow our current location we've got other great opportunities in Niceville. We'd like to welcome our winter visitors and Snow Birds and extend an invitation to all the other duds to come visit us on Monday nights at 7:00, upstairs in the Family Life Center at the First United Methodist Church. We feel some dance weekly "come" on.

We'd also like to issue a challenge to all square:

dancers and callers to help increase participation in this wonderful, **ELM** activity! <http://www.elm.usda.gov> is slated in 2009.

In 2008 we saw first time dancers uncertain of what they were getting into joining **ELM** classes. We saw fellowship abounding as **ELM** friends joined together to start **ELM** clubs. And we even had a few people come out **ELM** friends to join clubs as **ELM** members. Now, just think what could have happened if each one of us had personally invited someone out to share the **ELM**.

In 2009 we have 365 days of fresh opportunities to enthusiastically go out and spread the news about square dancing. If each one of us will find a person relatively unknown to us and tell them about the national pastime I bet we could grow each club by at least one square. Don't hold back. Remember how much **ELM** you have square dancing and tell somebody!!

It's All About The **ELM**!

Meriam Meriwether
Apport Squares



SEASIDE SQUARES PENSACOLA, FL

Seaside Squares hope that everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year's this past year. 2009 is sure to be a wonderful year if our annual New Year's Eve Dance is any indication. We had so many dancers attend that it was wonderful. And the feast...whoa! Seaside Squares provided the meats but the salads, side dishes and all of the wonderful DESSERTS! Northwest sure does know how to break out their best recipes!!

This past quarter has been a little bit slow as Bill tries to regain his strength. In the meantime, Tim Wilaby has graciously offered to assist with the maintenance and general activities until he returns. Thanks, Tim!

Our Christmas party was a wonderful night, as Bob Poyner did the calling and Terri Wilaby did the rounds. And what a wonderful surprise..we had a guest caller! Okay, she a caller-in-training. Miriam Merriwether gave us a special treat by calling a singing call for us. Way to go, Miriam! We look forward to when you can return to Ragon Hall again!

January sees us busy...dancing! Ben Williams will be calling on the 2nd for those diehards that like to dance. He says Betty is doing real well, so she might even let him out for a second time in January. Be sure to check our calendar.

We have Berlon Graham calling on the 16th, and Bob Poyner will be calling on January 30. Looks like it will be a rounds-only night on the 9th. We also have Terri's new club at Ragon Hall, T-N-T Rounds from 3:30—5:30 on Sunday afternoons. Don't forget that Terri is starting a Phase II waltz round dance class on the 11th from 1:30—3:30. Then she and Ted Kennedy will team up for the January Shine 2009 on January 17th.

So, as you can see, Seaside Square is alive and kickin'. Come join us and kick up your heels for a while!



ROCK AND ROLL TIME IN 2009 May 22, 23 and 24

Happy New Year from Randy and Carol and all of the Committee....our time has come! The 55th Florida State Convention is just around the corner so you know it's almost time to rock around the clock. Get those tickets now....\$27.00 per person is a real bargain, and if you wait you will pay \$30.00 at the door. (That's some free raffle tickets right, so get them early.)

Mark your calendars, get your tickets, make your accommodation reservations, get out those poodle skirts and saddle shoes, and come dance away the weekend.

CFA members and the convention committee have raffle tickets for only \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00...which gives you the opportunity to win a Hewlett Packard Laptop Computer. Add the purchase of raffle tickets to your list of "must have's" for this year's convention.

Check all the publications and brochure tables at the dances so you won't miss any of the pre-convention fundraisers and special dances. You all are really committee members as promoters....so talk it up and we look forward to seeing you in Lakeland.

Yellow Rocks, Joanne Engum





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USDA News

It's that time again. Insurance Renewals are due now. This month's USDA Article is taken from USDA NEWS Volume XIX, Issue 4 Oct - Dec 2008.



ARE YOU DANCING UNINSURED

Every square dance organization needs General Liability and Accident Medical Expense coverage while conducting and sponsoring dance activities. As closely as safety rules are followed, accidents can and will happen. This insurance program, especially designed for USDA dance groups, provides Accident Medical insurance, which helps protect club members from financial loss due to a covered accidental bodily injury, and Liability insurance, which protects the club and its members and association officials from financial loss due to unforeseen incidents which may develop into litigation against members and dance organizations.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Limits of protection: \$1,000,000 combined single limit of liability for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence (subject to a \$100 property damage deductible per claim) while participating in scheduled and sponsored dancing activities. \$100,000 limit for damage to premises rented to you.

Who is covered: The club and its members while participating in club or organization sponsored and supervised dancing activities. Liability coverage applies in the United States, its territories or possessions, and Canada.

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Limits of coverage: \$10,000 Usual and Customary Accident Medical Expense, including Dental \$10,000, Accidental Death Benefit \$10,000, Accidental Dismemberment Benefit (loss of both hands, both feet, sight of both eyes, or any combination thereof), \$5,000 Accidental Dismemberment Benefit (loss of one hand, one foot, sight of one eye). Note: Coverage is excess to any other valid and collectible medical insurance cov-

ering the same accident. Coverage provided for covered medical expenses incurred within 52 weeks of the accident up to \$10,000 for all eligible expenses as stated in the Policy.

Who is covered: Club members will be insured while participating in any regularly scheduled and sponsored dancing activity worldwide, including group travel (10 or more club members) in a vehicle commercially licensed for transportation of passengers and operated by a person holding a valid operators license for such vehicle, while being transported to or from a covered dancing activity.

What is covered: Accidental bodily injury sustained by an insured person while participating in dancing activities sponsored and supervised by a recognized club or organization.

Period of coverage: The insurance year is January 1 through December 31. Coverage becomes effective for individual clubs under the policy on the day the application and premium for insurance is received by the USDA National Insurance Coordinator. There is no pro-rate provision. This is necessary due to the large administrative expense of maintaining different policy dates.

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FLORIDA ASSOCIATION of SINGLE SQUARE and ROUND DANCERS

The 29th Single-Rama was held the weekend of October 24th at the Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring. Although we had a markedly decreased attendance, the small group that was there had a very enjoyable time dancing to Mike Doughty of West Palm Beach and Charlie Lovelace from Dade City. We feel the economy was the main reason for keeping people away and we hope they will join us next year on October 23 - 24, when we will have Sam Dunn of Sebring and Lisa Wall from Jacksonville.

We were pleased to have special guests with us; Ted Wright, SSDUSA (our national singles organization) past president, who drove all the way from Albuquerque, NM; Bill Highsmith, SSDUSA Southeast Area Rep, from Jessup, GA; and two of our friends (unattached men!) from Georgia Singles decided to make a visit for the first time. Someone in Georgia was kind enough to mention our weekend in their state newsletter. Many of us go to the Georgia Singles dances and it's nice when they come down to ours once in awhile.

We were celebrating the 30th anniversary of our organization and the past presidents in attendance were recognized. We also held our annual meeting where we had the election of officers for the new year. The new officers are: President - Penny Green (West Coast Association); Vice President - Virginia Barnes (Central Association); Secretary - Ailene Picheco (Central Association); Treasurer - Mary Lou Pelz - Northeast Association.

Our next big weekend will be the Fuzzy Navel in Jekyll Island, GA on March 27 - 28, 2009, which will be hosted by the Georgia Singles. Bud Witten (Georgia) will be calling and Shirley Wilson (Georgia) will be cueing. This is always a fun weekend; we stay at the Oceanside Inn & Suites, which is right on the beach, and we also dance there. If you would like a flyer, please feel free to contact me. If this weekend isn't better attended than it was in 2008, this

may be the last Fuzzy Navel we have.

We were pleased to hear that there will be a Friday night get-acquainted dance for the "dancers without partners" at the 2009 State Convention and that Virginia Barnes, Orlando Singles President, will be the Singles Chairman. Virginia has been president of Orlando Singles for three or four years and works very hard to keep that club going.

"Dancers Without Partners" is the new name for the Solo Sections in each of the halls. This was introduced at the last State Convention and I believe it was well received. The sections are marked off better with a large banner strung between two high poles that are set at the front of each section. We hope that this will make it easier for the couples to see that the section is set aside for dancers without partners and they won't sit there. Arrangements are being made to have larger banners printed to make it even easier for everyone to see. This has been a real problem for the singles; there are so many couples sitting in the Singles Section that there aren't any seats for the singles and you can't tell who needs a partner and who doesn't.

I will again be writing articles for all the association publications and the *Bow & Swing* as I did when I was president before. We also have a brochure that explains about FASSRD and our national organization and it contains membership applications for both. Please pick up one when you see them or you can contact me for a copy.

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